

Commemoration of Bhagwan Birsa Munda's 150th Birth Anniversary as Tribal Pride Day: 21 November 2024

The 150th birth anniversary of *Bhagwan Birsa Munda* was commemorated as Tribal Pride Day at Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), Bhopal from 15 to 26 November 2024. A special lecture series held on 21 November 2024 featured P. Suryanarayan, Coordinator of the *Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad*, as the keynote speaker. Mr. Suryanarayan elaborated on the life and contributions of *Bhagwan Birsa Munda*, highlighting his struggle against British rule, which began at the young age of 20 and significantly challenged colonial authority. He shared that Birsa Munda was born on a Thursday in Ulihatu village of Khunti district, Jharkhand, and was named "*Birsa*" in accordance with the traditions of the Munda community. Through his sacrifice, *Birsa Munda* safeguarded the rights and dignity of the tribal community.

On this occasion, a documentary film on *Bhagwan Birsa Munda*, produced by the Government of India, was screened. A quiz competition was organized for school students, who participated with great enthusiasm. Following this, the students were taken on a visit to the Tribal Museum, where they gained a closer understanding of tribal culture and heritage. Joint Director of the institute, Dr. Deepak Paliwal and Prof. Rajeev Kumar Pathak, also shared their thoughts on the occasion. The event was coordinated by Dr. Rakesh Raman and Dr. Anup Rathore, while stage management was handled by Raju Borkar and Sunita Koli, Section Officers. Students from Government CM Rise Mahatma Gandhi Senior Secondary School, BHEL, along with officials and staff of the institute, attended the programme. This celebration was a significant step toward introducing the ideals and contributions of Bhagwan Birsa Munda to the younger generation and honouring the rich culture of the tribal community.



P. Suryanarayan, Coordinator of Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad, speaking on Bhagwan Birsa Munda's contributions during Tribal Pride Day, attended by students and institute staff.